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John McCormack, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, called me from Boston this morning about Charles Pedonti, who has been stationed 15 years in Paris and has now been assigned to Jerusalem. He wants Pedonti to remain in Paris, or else to be sent to a post in Spain or Italy. I talked to the administrative people concerned, and we agreed that, for several reasons — one of them the desirability from Pedonti's own career standpoint — we could not make such a change, and I would so inform Mr. McCormack.

John Snyder called me about the report that some unpleasant incidents had taken place in Sweden during the present stay there of Margaret Truman and John's daughter, Mrs. Horton. The Swedish press has produced violent articles condemning the presence with the two young ladies of three Secret Service body guards whom they have called "gorillas". On at least one occasion, a body guard is supposed to have roughly handled a photographer. This matter continued to be hot all day and tonight as well. I sent a telegram to Butterworth, Jamie Bonbright got through to him on the telephone, and John Snyder communicated with his senior Secret Service man in Sweden; as far as we could piece the resultant information together, no such incident as alleged had really taken place. The President was concerned, the newspaper people were clamoring, and after a good bit of excitement the Department issued a statement tonight on the subject.

Mr. Roach of the FBI came to see me to ask for information about an individual named Sammy Klaus, who served for a while in the Department of Commerce when I was there.

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Lee Brady stopped in to see me. He has just returned from Indochina, where he thinks on the whole things are going better. He is to start at the War College next week.

I talked to Hank Byroade about his position in the Government. He passed the examinations as an FSO 1, but cannot be admitted until he can pass a French examination. As he is too occupied to give any study to that language, he is fearful of what may happen if he is not qualified by January.

I discussed this subject with Doc Matthews, and with Kenny Scott.

John Wiley, our Ambassador to Panama, came to see me. He says he is short of personnel at his post.

Congressman Pingate Lucas of Texas called on me. I had Messrs. McGinnis and Callanan from the Department with me. He wanted to discuss the case of Mrs. de Mittman, originally of Fort Worth, Texas, who was killed or committed suicide in Quito, Ecuador, on May 30 of this year. Her family have demanded the return of her body, which thus far the Ecuadoran Government has refused, since an investigation of the case is still pending in the courts there. Congressman Lucas and the family are hot about it and seem to feel the U. S. Government has not been diligent in complying with their wishes.

We have a long file on this case and I said we would ask our Ambassador to go again, as he had many times before, and try to have the remains shipped home at once. From what I can ascertain, our Embassy has been active and sympathetic in this matter, but the family is naturally distressed and thinks we ought to have been able to accomplish what they have in mind, regardless of Ecuadoran law. The

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deceased's husband is a colonel in the Ecuadoran Army, and appears to have a good deal of political influence. He is at the moment in jail, under suspicion of having murdered his wife.

I talked to Matt Connelly about Senator Green being placed on the UN Delegation. We would have preferred a younger man, but the Senator is [redacted] insistent about this position, so the President has decided to go ahead and name him.

I talked on the telephone to Messrs. Harriman and Nash about Pakistan wheat, after having earlier conferred with Harold Linder, [redacted] The Export-Import Bank is ready to make the necessary loan, but we would [redacted] prefer a grant out of military funds. This [redacted] will be taken up tomorrow with Defense.

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I spent most of the rest of the evening telephoning back and forth about the Margaret Truman body guard affair.

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